

exceptions to that rule. Eighty years ago in the U.S. we had 6 or 8 large denominations differing on varying matters of forms, and ceremonies or perhaps some particular matters of doctrine but practically all of them in their creedal statements and in the preaching of 9/10 of their ministers, standing solidly upon the Bible as the Word of God and the necessity of salvation through Jesus Christ, and the impossibility of salvation in any other way. It was toward the end of the last century that the great modern missionary movement took great strides forward, and the slogan was repeated all over the country -- the conversion of the world in this generation.

Today you find a very different situation. Today you find that most of our old line denominations, that in most of them, in the great bulk of the churches, you never hear anything about Christ or about salvation. The ministers are preaching social improvement, social betterment, various attitudes toward social problems, giving a few words of praise for the Bible occasionally, but solid Christian teaching is mostly today in comparatively new or small denominations. How did this change come about? It did not come about suddenly. It did not come from any great movement against Christainity. It did not come about because there was any great argument that convinced people that the Bible was wrong. It came about because certain individuals got into positions of great influence in educational institutions, and there they influenced others who became teachers in subsequent years, and in the course of time there developed a situation where our universities and theological seminaries both formed in order to train people to present the Word of God, became places to == where people's faith was torn down.

I think it is all well summarized in 2 Cor. 11:13-15 : "For such are false ppostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the